(c) The Department of Biotechnology is working closely with the Ministries of Environment and Forsts, Agriculture, Industries, Commerce, Human Resource Development and many others. Representatives of these Ministries act as memebrs on the Expert Task Forces, and as peers for evaluation and monitoring. A number of coordinated, joint projects have also been taken up.

Monitoring procedures evolved by Department of Biotechnology

6546. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an objective peer review system and monitoring procedures have been evolved with the help of task forces by the Department of Biotechnology;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken to encourage the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINSITER'S OFFICE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPTTS. OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVDI): (a) to (c) An objective peer review and monitoring system has been evolved with the help of a number of experts from various research institutions and scientific Agencies. The expert Task Fores of the Department continuously review the progress of the ongoing and completed projects through detailed scienctific progress reports, presentations by the Principal Investigators and site visits by experts. Practically every ongoing project is monitored at least once a year.

ISRO Espionage Investigations

6547. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1659 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23rd March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether the CBI has completed its probe in the Indian Space Research organisaiton (ISRO) spy scandal;

(b) if so, whether it has since submitted its report to the Government in the matter; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?

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(c) Does not arise.

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Report and Accounts (1993-94) of the Central Pulp and Papers Research Institute, Saharanpur (U.P.) and related papers

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Industry (in the Deptt. of Industrial Development and in the Deptt. of Heavy Industry) (Shrimati Krishna Sahi): Madam, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Central Pulp and Paper Research Institute, Saharanpur, (U.P.) for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers